



# Department of Defense DIRECTIVE

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SUBJECT: Defense Representation, United States Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Europe

References: (a) DoD Directive 5105.20, "Defense Representation, United States Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and European Regional Organizations" April 9, 1966 (hereby canceled)  
(b) DoD Directive 5132.9, "NATO Force Planning Group," May 8, 1965 (hereby canceled)

## 1. REISSUANCE

This Directive reissues Reference (a) and incorporates portions of Reference (b) to reflect current responsibilities and relationships of the United States Permanent Representative on the North Atlantic Council; the Defense Advisor, USNATO/Senior Civilian Representative of the Secretary of Defense in Europe (SECDEFREPEUR) and other Department of Defense personnel assigned to the United States Mission to NATO (USNATO); and the principal staff assistants to the Secretary of Defense. References (a) and (b) are hereby superseded and canceled.

## 2. RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1. All functions and activities performed by DoD personnel assigned to USNATO in supporting DoD programs relating to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will be carried out under the supervision and authority of the U.S. Permanent Representative on the North Atlantic Council (U.S. Ambassador to NATO).

2.2. In fulfilling his statutory duties under the direction of the Secretary of State, who is the principal advisor to the President in the determination and execution of foreign policy of the United States, the U.S. Ambassador to NATO:

2.2.1. Advises and assists the Secretary of Defense on DoD aspects of matters pertaining to NATO; and

2.2.2. Keeps the Secretary of State informed of all USNATO activities resulting from this Directive.

2.3. The Defense Advisor, USNATO, shall be the senior civilian Department of Defense official serving on the staff of the U.S. Ambassador to NATO. He will advise and assist the U.S. Ambassador to NATO in the formulation, coordination, and presentation of Department of Defense policies pertaining to NATO.

2.4. The Senior Civilian Representative of the Secretary of Defense in Europe shall be the same person as the Defense Advisor, USNATO. In this role he will advise and assist the Secretary of Defense in the formulation, coordination, and presentation of Department of Defense policy in Europe.

### 3. FUNCTIONS

3.1. In carrying out the above responsibilities on behalf of the Secretary of Defense, the U.S. Ambassador to NATO:

3.1.1. Presents approved DoD positions, policies, plans and programs to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and to NATO countries as appropriate.

3.1.2. Evaluates proposed plans, positions, policies and programs affecting DoD, and submits, as he deems appropriate, recommendations to the Secretary of Defense.

3.2. The Defense Advisor, USNATO, shall:

3.2.1. Assist the U.S. Ambassador to NATO in carrying out the above responsibilities and functions.

3.2.2. Coordinate DoD plans, positions, policies and programs, as directed by the U.S. Ambassador to NATO.

3.2.3. Plan, recommend and coordinate Department of Defense participation in NATO security matters.

3.3. SECDEFREPEUR, in his role as Senior Civilian Representative of the

Secretary of Defense in Europe, shall plan, recommend, coordinate and monitor DoD programs as directed by the Secretary of Defense.

#### 4. RELATIONSHIPS

4.1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (ISA) shall provide overall policy guidance to USNATO on behalf of the Department of Defense.

4.2. The Director of Defense Research and Engineering, the Assistant Secretaries of Defense and the General Counsel shall provide USNATO with technical advice, direction and policy guidance within their respective fields of responsibility consistent with 4.1., above.

4.3. The U.S. Ambassador to NATO may communicate with the Secretary of Defense directly, through ASD(ISA) or through the Defense Advisor, USNATO, as he deems appropriate.

4.4. The Defense Advisor, USNATO, will normally communicate with the Secretary of Defense through ASD(ISA). This shall not preclude direct communication with the Secretary of Defense when exigencies require.

4.5. SECDEFREPEUR will normally communicate with the Secretary of Defense through ASD(ISA). This shall not preclude direct communication with the Secretary of Defense when exigencies require.

4.6. In carrying out the functions in 3.2. and 3.3., above, the Defense Advisor, USNATO/SECDEFREPEUR shall be assisted by such Department of Defense personnel as may be assigned by the Secretary of Defense.

4.7. Administrative and logistical support for USNATO will be provided by the United States European Command, NATO/SHAPE Support Group (US) and/or the American Embassy, Brussels, Belgium, in accordance with agreements and arrangements for such matters.

#### 5. AUTHORITIES

In carrying out the functions in 3.2. and 3.3., above, the Defense Advisor, USNATO/SECDEFREPEUR is hereby specifically delegated authority to:

5.1. Request personnel, administrative and logistical support within Europe from

the appropriate military commands and other Department of Defense components, as required and available, in order to perform the responsibilities assigned by this Directive.

5.2. Using established support agreements and arrangements, procure locally by contract or other proper means personal services, supplies, equipment and such other services as may be necessary in the performance of responsibilities and functions assigned by this Directive.

#### 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective upon publication.



Secretary of Defense